

Amendments to the Abstract:

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Marine craft has a crushable frontal impact protection structure, comprising transverse bulkhead protecting passenger area; longitudinal crushable tubes; and transverse member. Webs strengthen tubes, which may be made of extruded, heat treated aluminum; stainless steel; or plastic. Tubes are splayed to improve protection against angled impacts. The forward ends of tubes are tapered to initiate deformation. Tubes may be hexagonal, round, or oval in cross-section. Longitudinal bulkheads, and a transverse bulkhead may be used in place of tubes. Longitudinal corrugated sheets may be mounted transversely. The bow area may be filled with deformable cellular foam to act as a buoyancy aid. Side and rear impact protection is also provided.